

the lithium ions can attack the lithium seals between the cathode 22 and the block 12. Various solutions to this problem are offered in U.S. Patent No. 5,098,189 which discloses the use of a slot and/or secondary negative electrodes to reduce or prevent lithium ion migration, in U.S. Patent No. 5,856,995 which discloses the use of a trap electrode to attract the lithium ions, and in U.S. Patent No. 6,025,914 which discloses the use of a dielectric barrier to reduce lithium ion migration.--

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 7 as follows:

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--The source 120 may be arranged to maintain the cathode 112 either positive or negative with respect to the reference (e.g., ground) potential of the block 102 and to maintain the anodes 114 and 116 more positive with respect to the cathode 112. For example, the source 120 may be arranged to maintain the anodes 114 and 116 positive with respect to the reference (e.g., ground) potential and to maintain the cathode 112 negative with respect to the reference (e.g., ground) potential. Alternatively, the source 120 may be arranged to maintain the cathode 112 positive with respect to the reference (e.g., ground) potential and to maintain the anodes 114